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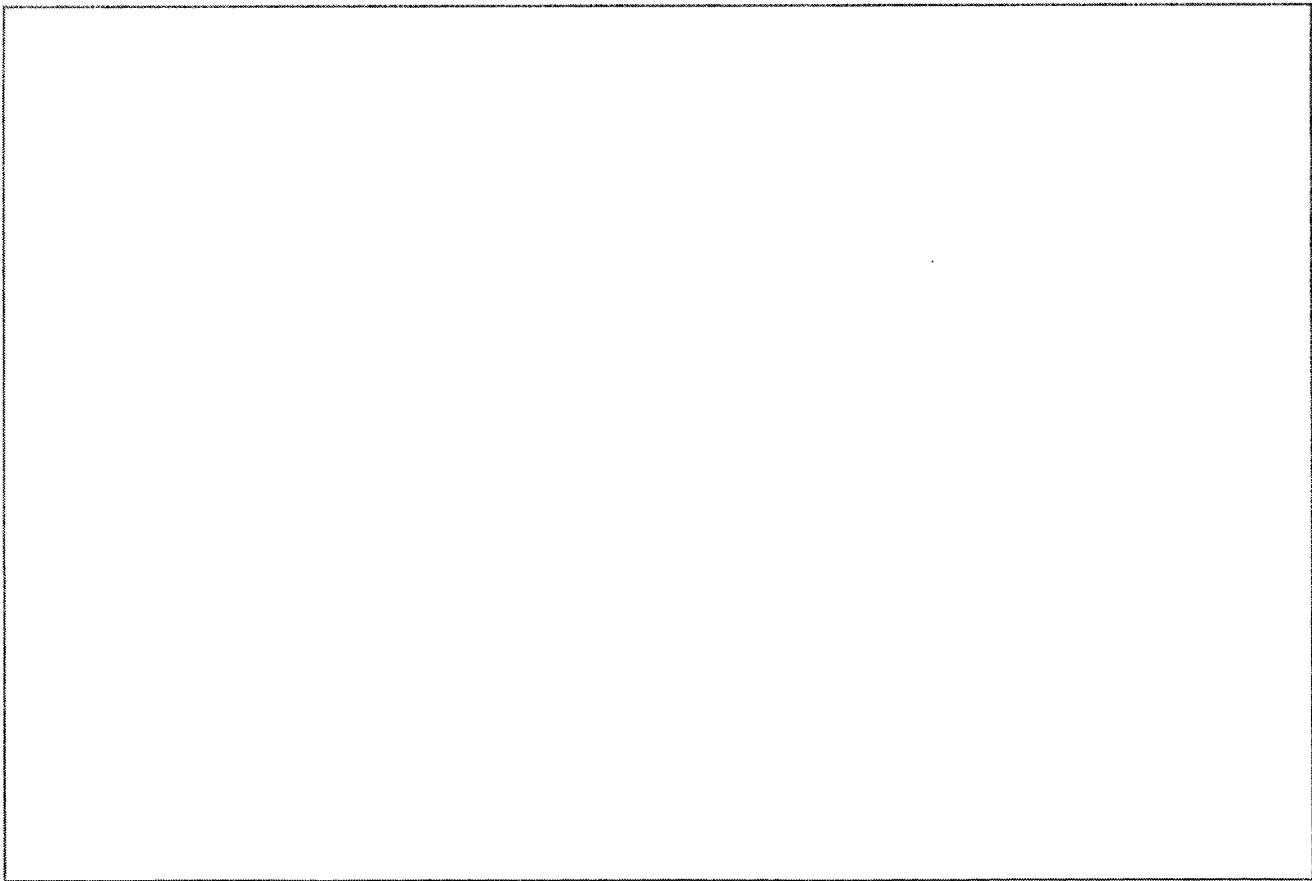
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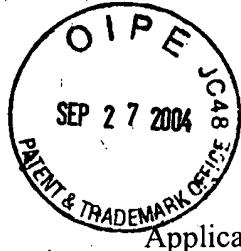
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed June 24, 2004 for the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.